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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Applicant respectfully requests that this Preliminary Amendment be entered in this case before the calculation of fees and before examination of the subject application.

In the Specification:

On page 1, please insert as the first paragraph of this application (after the title):

--This application is a National Phase Application of WO 01/19996, and claims priority of GB 9921691.3; filed 14 September 1999.--

In the Claims:

Please delete the claims of the application as filed in the PCT and substitute therefor:

27. An isolated polypeptide comprising a member selected from the group consisting of

- (a) an amino acid sequence matching SEQ ID NO:2 or SEQ ID NO:4 and
- (b) an immunogenic polypeptide comprising a fragment sequence of at least 15 amino acids that matches an aligned contiguous segment of SEQ ID NO:2 or SEQ ID NO:4,

wherein the isolated polypeptide, when administered to a subject in a suitable composition which can include an adjuvant, or a suitable carrier coupled to the polypeptide, induces an antibody or T-cell immune response to a polypeptide having the sequence of SEQ ID NO:2 or SEQ ID NO:4.

28. An isolated polynucleotide encoding a polypeptide of Claim 27 or the full complement to the isolated polynucleotide

29. The isolated polypeptide of claim 27, wherein the polypeptide is according to (a).